

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
A-7419

In Re Application Of: **Michael HOURN et al**

Serial No.  
09/831,355

Filing Date  
May 14, 2001

Examiner  
Melvyn Andrews

Group Art Unit  
1742

Invention: **METHOD FOR TREATING PRECIOUS METAL BEARING MINERALS**

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**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of June 19, 2002 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

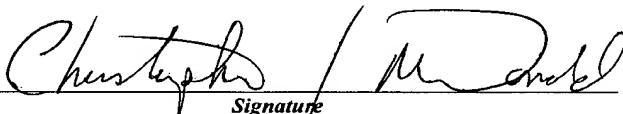
One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: September 19, 2002      Date      until: October 19, 2002      Date

The fee for the extension of time is **\$110** and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2455  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 08-2455  
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Dated: 10/15/02

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 10/15/02 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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